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The Killeen Fire Department is investigating a structure fire that occurred at the Stone Hill Apartments this evening.

Killeen Fire and Police Departments responded to a 911 call in reference to a fire at 501 W. Central Texas Expressway at 6:21pm. Upon their arrival, the firefighters found two apartments in building 13 engulfed in flames which were spreading quickly; the firefighters immediately conducted a primary search to ensure there was no one inside the apartments. Due to the close proximity of buildings 12 and 14, those residents were also evacuated for precautionary reasons. The high winds and dry conditions were a contributing factor as it made it more difficult to contain the fire.

Surrounding agencies to include Fort Hood Fire Department, Southwest Bell County Fire Department and Temple Fire Department assisted the Killeen Fire Department by handling their routine calls until the fire was contained. Twenty-three residents out of twelve apartments have been displaced due to the fire and were sent to the Killeen Community Center. The American Red Cross is also assisting these residents.

This fire continues to be investigated by the Killeen Fire Marshall's Office and information will be provided as it becomes available.

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